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abrasion between the cuffs and skin the the area where the cuffs contact the wearer's skin, resulting in less redmarking and/or skin irritation. Additionally, the protective coating on the wearer's skin may reduce the adherence of BM to the skin, thereby improving the ease of BM cleanup. As used herein, the abbreviation "BM" means "bowel movement".--

Basis for this definition can be found in Webster's third New International Dictionary of the English Language Unabridged, page 243, copy attached.

## **In the Claims**

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An absorbent article to be worn by a wearer adjacent the skin, the absorbent article comprising:

a chassis comprising:

an outer covering layer comprising:

a backsheet; and

a Mquid pervious topsheet joined to said backsheet; and

an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

a nonwoven cuff joined to said chassis, wherein each said nonwoven cuff has a first surface and a second surface disposed opposite said first surface, said nonwoven cuff comprising spunbond fibers which have a denier less than about 1.3 and a hydrostatic head of at least about 85 mm.

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